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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN POSITION ON SPANISH SAHARA

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1. IN RESPONSE PARA 6 REFTTEL, AMBASSADOR TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF CALL JULY 18 ON UNDER SECRETARY FOREIGN MINISTRY GHAFAR TO ASK WHAT IS EGYPT'S POSITION ON SPANISH SAHARA. GHAFAR SAID BOTH MOROCCONS AND SPANIARDS HAVE DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH EGYPTIANS. GOE BELIEVED MATTER SHOULD BE RESOLVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH UN RESOLUTIONS ON NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES AND OTHER UN PRINCIPLES. WHILE EGYPT UNDERSTOOD MOROCCO'S DESIRES ON THIS SUBJECT, THESE COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS SOLE BASIS FOR RESOLVING MATTER, SINCE ALGERIA AND MAURITANIA ALSO HAD INTERESTS IN SPANISH SAHARA'S FUTURE, AS DID INHABITANTS OF THE TERRITORY. GHAFAR COMMENTED THAT HE DID NOT THINK KING HASSAN WAS IMPETUOUS, IMPLYING HE DID NOT EXPECT MOROCCO TO TAKE ANY PRECIPITOUS OR RASH ACTION IN SPANISH SAHARA.

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2. FROM FOREGOING IT SEEMS APPARENT THAT FONMIN
LARAKI HAS EXAGGERATED THE DEGREE OF EGYPTIAN
SUPPORT FOR MOROCCAN POSITION. WHETHER HE HAS DONE
SO CONSCIOUSLY AND DELIBERATELY OR WHETHER HE MAY
HAVE BEEN MISLED BY SMYPATHETIC MURMURS FROM EGYPTIANS,
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